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SUBJECT: PARBOILED RICE

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- 1. MIN.AG. OFFICIAL UPON RETURN FROM BRUSSELS CONFIRMED THAT QUESTION OF RE-CLASSIFICATION OF PARBOILED RICE WAS RAISED IN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SOME TIME AGO BY QUOTE A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRODUCER COUNTRY UNQUOTE. THE REPRESENTATIVE ALSO SUBMITTED A DOCUMENT WRITTEN BY A PROFESSOR WHOSE NAME WAS NOT DISCLOSED TO OUR CONTACT.
- 2. THIS PROCEDURE, ACCORDING TO MIN.AG., MEANS THAT QUOTE SOMETIME IN FUTURE THE COMMISSION WILL OPEN UP THE DOSSIER IN THIS MATTER AGAIN FOR RE-EXAMINATION UNQUOTE. OUR CONTACT PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED OF UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT RE THIS ISSUE.

- 3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM GERMAN RICE MILLERS CONFIRM THAT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSED MATTER ON SEPTEMBER 6, THAT COMMISSION DISCUSSION MAY BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, THAT THE PROFESSOR'S DOCUMENT SUGGESTED CLASSIFYING PARBOILED RICE UNDER 21.07 SINCE PARBOILING PROCESS WAS THE SAME AS FOR FAST COOKING RICE.
- 4. GERMAN RICE MILLING INDUSTRY IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS MOVE ON THE GROUNDS THAT 2107 WOULD REQUIRE AN AD VELOREM DUTY PLUS IF APPLICABLE A LEVY OF 174 ON LONG GRAIN CARGO RICE, THAT UNDER 2107 NO DIFFERENCIATION WOULD BE MADE BETWEEN CARGO RICE AND MILLED RICE, AND THAT, ABOVE ALL, PARBOILED RICE IS NOT REPEAT NOT A PROCESSED FOOD SUCH AS BABY FOOD, ICECREAM, MILK POWDER, YOGHURT, COOKED PASTAS, COOKED GRAINS, READY-MADE DISHES, ETC., CLASSIFIED UNDER THIS POSITION.
- 5. ACCORDING TO THE RICE MILLERS, THE BRITISH, DUTCH AND BELGIAN RICE ASSOCIATIONS ARE LIKEWISE OPPOSED TO RE-CLASSIFICATION.
- ${\bf 6}.$ IT IS SUGGESTED THAT STRONG U.S. REPRESENTATION BE MADE. HILLENBRAND

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